

Application No.: 10/780396

Case No.: 58967US002

REMARKS

Reexamination and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The product claims have been recast in product-by-process form. It is believed that this now infuses the structural limitation into the claim of the hook elements being integral with the backing. Namely the hook elements and the backing have been formed from the same thermoplastic polymer flowstream, which is not taught in the art.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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